CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

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"Forward in Faith and Mission"

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10 a.m. March 15, 2026

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him" (Psalm 34:8).

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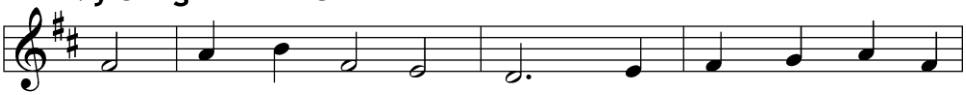
God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will have to first speak with the pastor before communing.

Please sign the clipboard at the end of the pew to indicate your attendance.

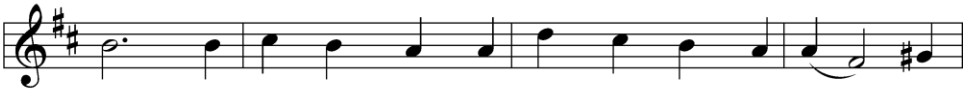
PRELUDE ***Called to the Light*** J. Krug Handbells
Kingsfold arr. J. Krug

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

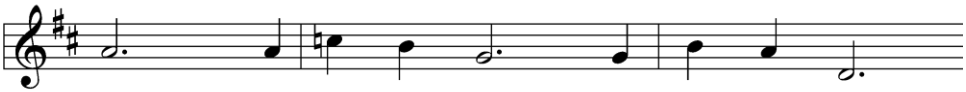
Opening Hymn
430 My Song Is Love Unknown



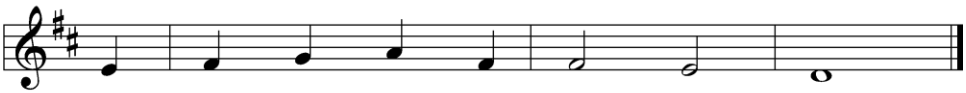
1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

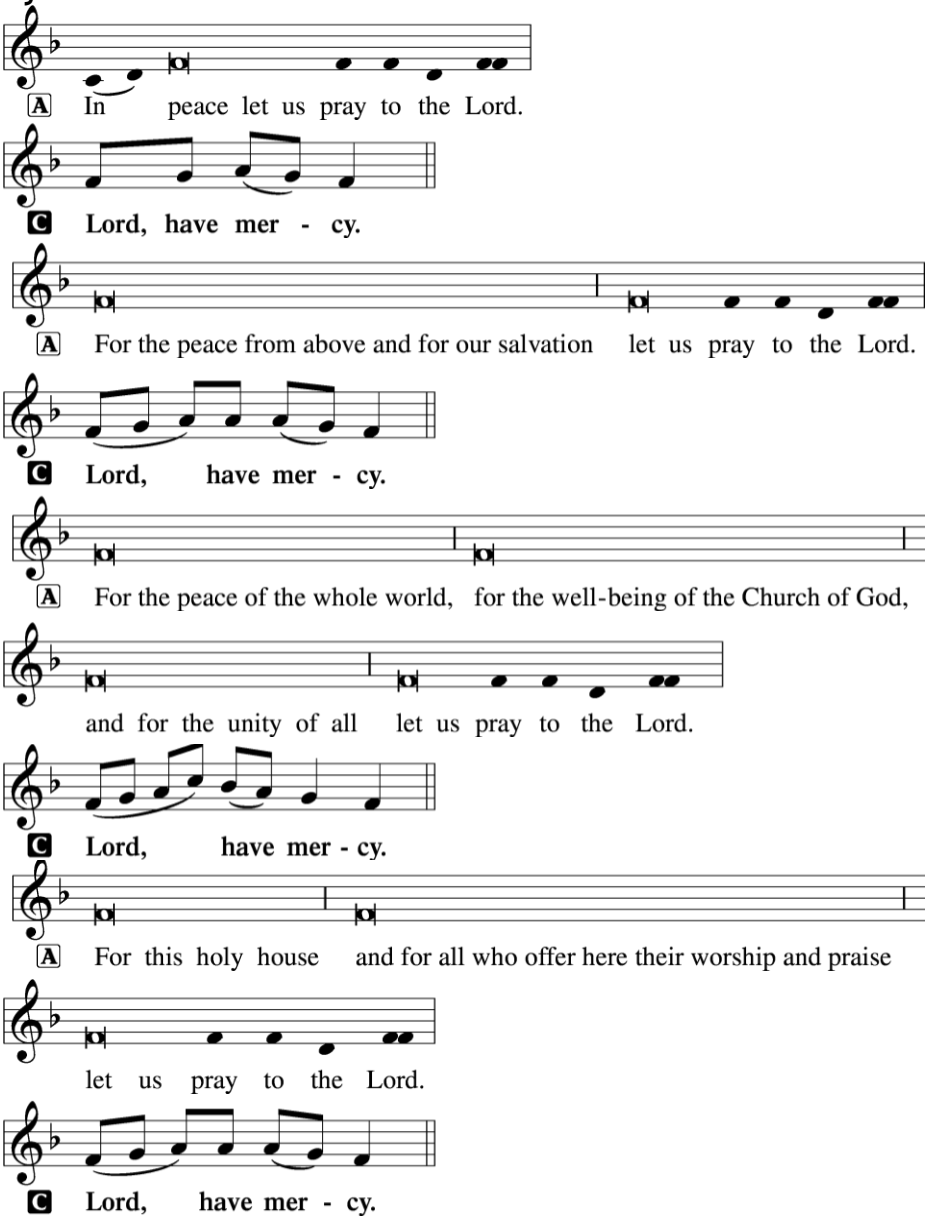
Absolution

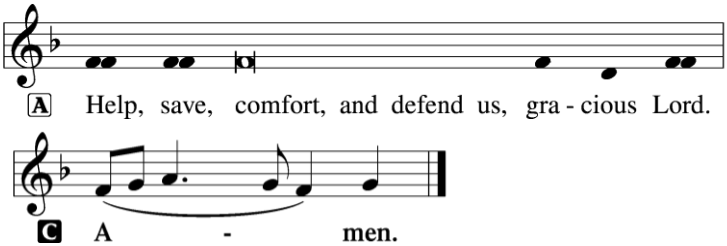
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE of the WORD

Kyrie





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 42:14–21

14 For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
15 I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
16 And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
[17]They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."
[18]Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
[19]Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the Lord?
[20]He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
[21]The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 142 (read responsively)

[1]With my voice I cry out to the Lord;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.
[2]I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.
[3]When my spirit faints within me,
you know my way!
In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.
[4]Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.

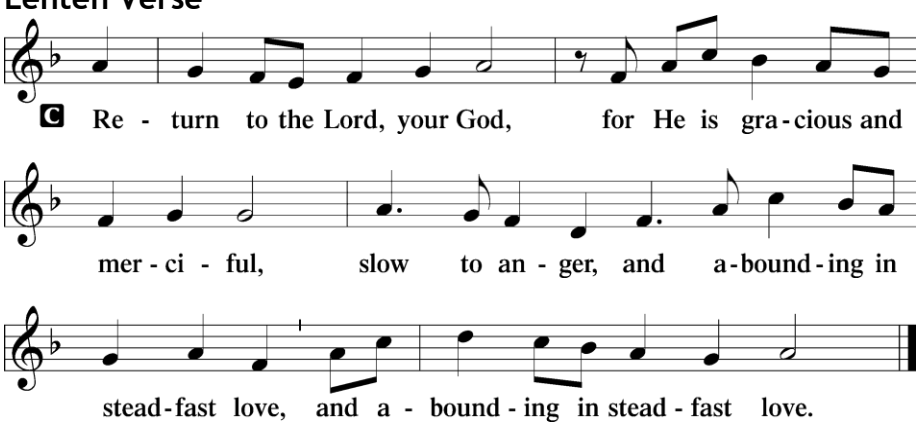
[5]I cry to you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."
[6]Attend to my cry,
for I am brought very low!
Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me!
[7]Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

Epistle Ephesians 5:8-14

[8]For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9](for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), [10]and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. [11]Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12]For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. [13]But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, [14]for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

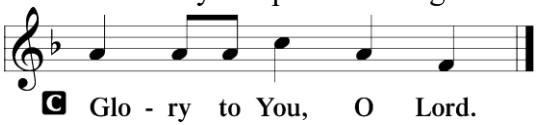
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse



Holy Gospel John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



[1]As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2]And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3]Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4]We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5]As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6]Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7]and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

[8]The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" [9]Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." [10]So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" [11]He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." [12]They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

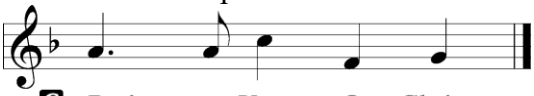
[13]They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14]Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15]So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." [16]Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. [17]So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

[18]The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight,
until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight [19]and asked them,
"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" [20]His
parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. [21]But
how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he
is of age. He will speak for himself." [22](His parents said these things because they
feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus
to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) [23]Therefore his parents said, "He
is of age; ask him."

[24]So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to
him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." [25]He answered,
"Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind,
now I see." [26]They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your
eyes?" [27]He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why
do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" [28]And they
reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29]We know
that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes
from." [30]The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where
he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31]We know that God does not listen to
sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.
[32]Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man
born blind. [33]If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34]They answered
him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

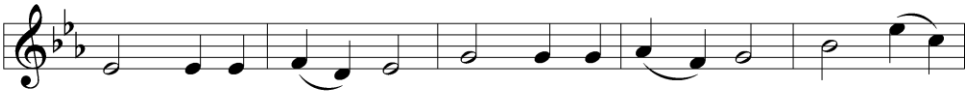
[35]Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do
you believe in the Son of Man?" [36]He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may
believe in him?" [37]Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is
speaking to you." [38]He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. [39]Jesus said,
"For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those
who see may become blind." [40]Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things,
and said to him, "Are we also blind?" [41]Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you
would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

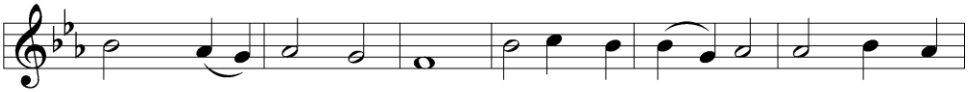


C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

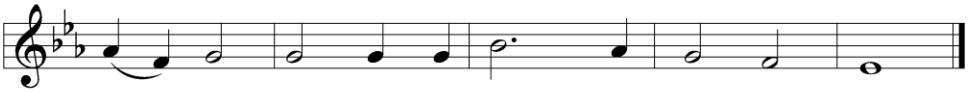
Sermon Hymn
537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Sermon

Rev. Kevin Barron

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T **of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Offering

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

Voluntary ***Lenten Medley*** arr. J. Krug Handbells

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

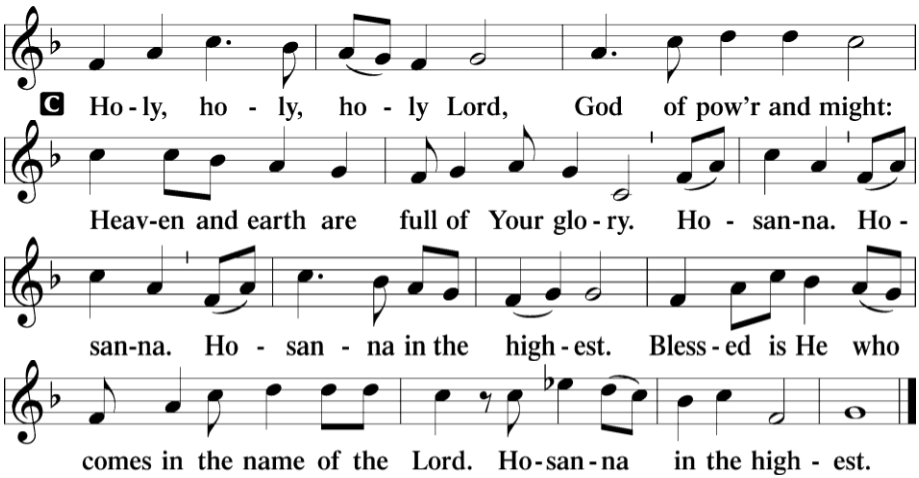
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

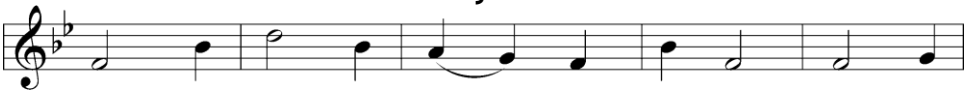
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

The Hymn
He Looked Beyond My Fault

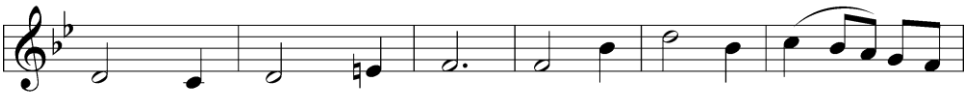
Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise
For it was grace that brought my liberty
I do not know just why He came to love me so
He looked beyond my faults and saw my need
I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary
To view the cross where Jesus died for me
How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul
He looked beyond my faults and saw my need

Distribution Hymns

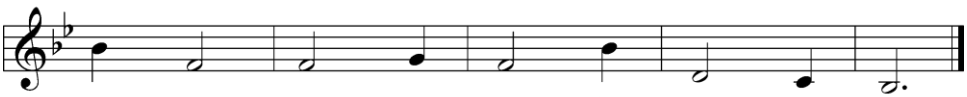
427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



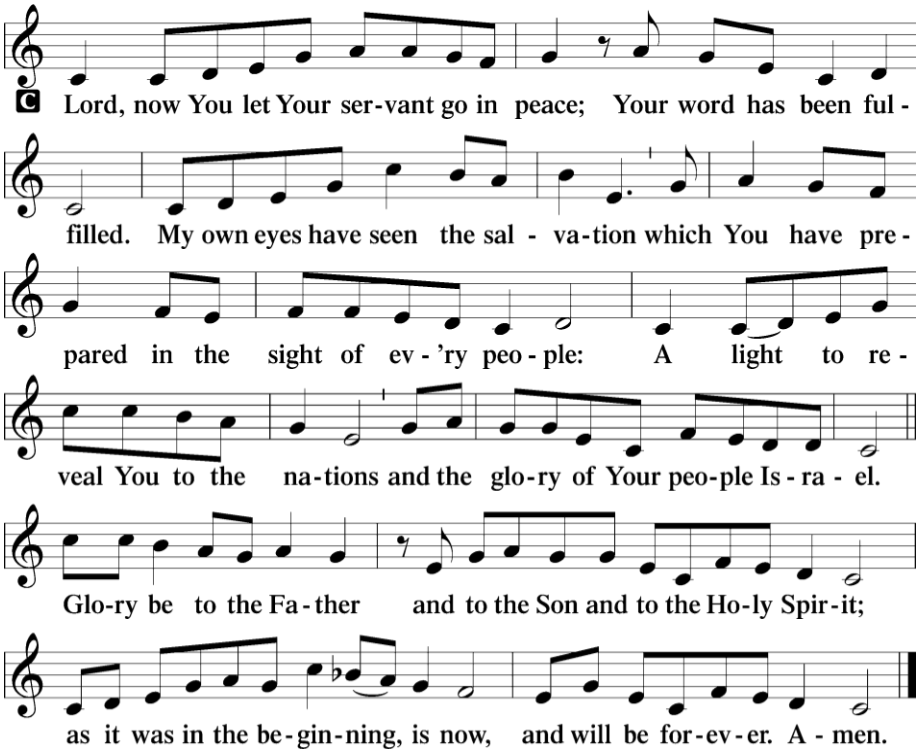
sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Open Our Eyes, Lord (sing twice)

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

Post-Communion Canticle
Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

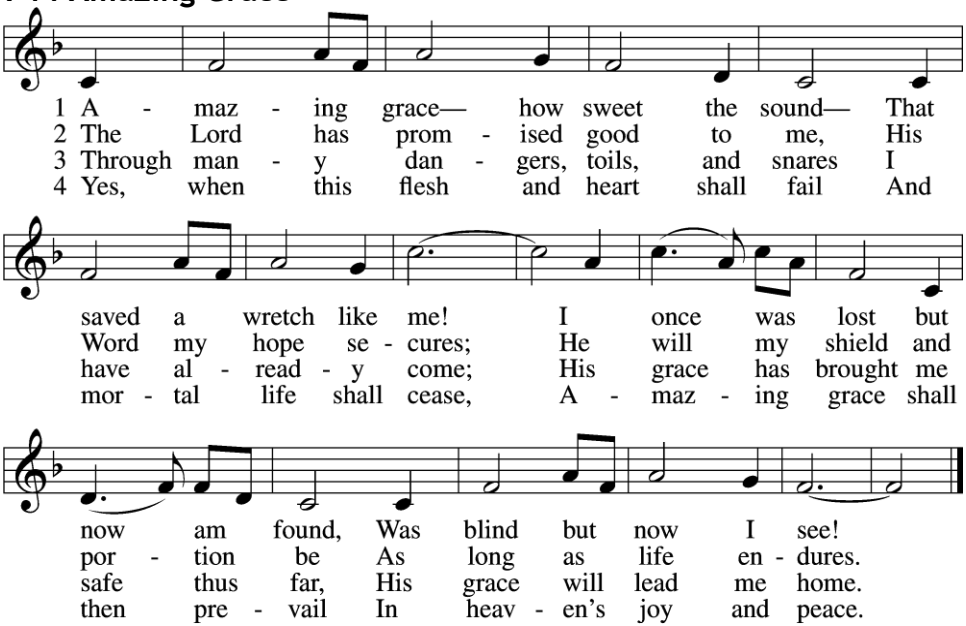
A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn
744 Amazing Grace



The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE ***Christ the Life of All the Living*** J.S. Bach

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Manfred Reek
Organist:	Barbara Sommer
Cantor:	Scott Ruhl
The Redemption Ringers	
Lector:	Kris Sabatino
Crucifer:	Caleb Barron
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, March 15, 2026****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:
Prayers for healing: Jim Struder, Mechelle Gover, Sharon Hare, Glen Fowler (family member of Sunnie & Bridget), Jennifer Trotz, Donna Grueninger, Paul Saar, Shirley Kappel (Russ Davis' sister-in-law), Olive and Fred Abt, Lynne Funck, Sharon Root's husband and niece, Jodi Anderson, Jeffrey Baptiste, Kenzi Kelley, Randi Walters (Dave Segal's sister), Sheldon Mazelis, Charles Richter Jr., Claire McDerby, John Dignan, Alison Baptiste, Jack Phaller, Linda and Russ Davis, Lorraine Deitz, Paul Schildwachter, Carla Lindhorst, Family and friends of the Abts – Martha Kulaga, Sandy Robinson and Gloria Holthaus; Alyssa, Jessica, Reid, Mike Mister, Latonya Endres and Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughters), Stephanie Smith & Bernadette (CFP patrons), Jacenda Venable, and Aleese McCaid-Taylor (GED students)

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Betty Hucke, Frances Dunker, Kass Lindhorst

Homebound: Carl, Shirley, & Chuck Ropka; Russ & Linda Davis

Festival Choir will be rehearsing for Easter and starts today and March 22nd & 29th @ 11:15 am; Sunday, April 5th @ 9am. All who love to sing are welcome!

Thrivent Choice Dollars are available to donate to your favorite charity such as: Calvary, Grace Place, Food Pantry, etc. for those that have Thrivent financial insurance. Deadline is March 31st. Thrivent has sponsored many of our Outreach Projects and we are most grateful for their investment in churches and their work in the surrounding communities.

Project Connect*:* Stop in the lobby and help yourself to a booklet from Project Connect, a Lutheran Hour Ministries outreach sponsored by Calvary's Outreach Committee and Thrivent Action teams. Check out the *"Great Deceiver"* and Satan's true colors.

CALVARY FOOD PANTRY (CFP) - The "Calvary Life" pew insert has additional info on the CFP. We are collecting the following items or money for:

- **Personal & Household Items** – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, razors, Kleenex, TP, paper towels, personal hand cleaning wipes, etc.

CALVARY LUTHERAN "FUN" RAISING ACTIVITIES - We are looking for volunteers to help out with some upcoming fund-raising projects which will benefit a variety of ongoing Calvary Lutheran projects and outreach. See Bridget with questions or if interested in working on:

- Vendor Fair – Spring 2026 – local/national vendors, crafts, food, silent auction, and more; Calvary will sponsor purse (non-designer) and costume jewelry table. Check in with Ronnie Segal or Janice Woollen with any questions or to donate.
- Vintage/Retro Basket and Designer Purse Bingo – late Spring/early Summer 2026 – bingo games, silent auction, Calvary Costume Jewelry Table, food, etc. Talk to Sunnie Bell or Cheryl Reek with any questions or to donate purses.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 17th	Bible Study, 11 am
Wednesday, March 18th	Soup Supper, 6 pm; Lenten Devotion, 7 pm
Sunday, March 29th	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 2nd	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday Service, 7 pm
Sunday, April 5th	Easter Sunday, 8 am & 10 am
Sunday, April 26th	Friendship Sunday